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CONTRADICT OFFICIAL VERSION
OF ALBANIAN OIL FIELD FIRE

Contrary to reports from the Albanian Telegraph Agency and Radio Tirana stating that the fire at the Patos oil fields has been put out, the fact is that it has been only partly extinguished.

Radio Tirana said that some warehouses had been saved. This is true, but it is not true that the fire is extinguished and that the damage is slight. Losses are incalculable because of the impossibility of foreseeing when the flames fed by the oil wells can be quenched.

For propaganda purposes, the Tirana authorities have broadcast optimistic reports minimizing the significance of the affair because the installation involved is completely under the control of Soviet technicians.

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